

# Talking Canvas

We are pleased to announce the return of Talking Canvas!! Talking Canvas is a volunteer-run program with the guidance of our art teachers, which focuses on exposing children to the world of foreign and American artists, enriches their understanding of a work of art and provides opportunities for discussing the reasons for and meaning of art. **Students in grades Kdg.-5th** will be participating in Talking Canvas again this year as part of our Enrichment at St. Francis. It has been a huge success in the past. The focus for each grade level will be different. However, since this is strictly a volunteer-run program, we will need lots of help from moms, dads, grandparents and anyone else with a big interest in our children! **No need to have a big knowledge of art!**

We need at least 2 Volunteer Presenters for each homeroom classroom. The Volunteer Presenters' jobs will be to present a piece of art to your classroom during a 20-30 min. session during one of the first 2 weeks of the months of October through April. The art piece and lots of materials about the artist and his/her work will be provided to you. Also provided will be ideas for leading a discussion and you can even tackle an art project if time allows. You do not need to have knowledge of art to volunteer.....the idea is to help students feel comfortable with art in a relaxed and accepting way. They will realize there are no right or wrong interpretations of art. Hopefully this will be the beginning of a lifelong appreciation of art for the children and for you! **We ask that even if you were a volunteer last year that you fill out and return the below form.** Presenters will be chosen on a first reply basis. Please return the form below with your child. **The parents who have participated in Talking Canvas before do not need to attend the training session, a packet with this year's information will be sent home with your child.**

Finally, we need any donations of books on artists (used are fine!), old calendars with famous artists' works of art, posters of artwork, greeting cards with artwork on them, etc. Do you have any of these lying around or do you have access to any such things? Let us know or drop off donations to the school office.

Thanks for your interest in this program! We are very excited about it! Feel free to call us with any questions you may have!

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Yes! I would like to help as a Volunteer Classroom Presenter in Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

My Name \_\_\_\_\_

My Address \_\_\_\_\_

My Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

My E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

We have the following item(s) to donate if you are interested: \_\_\_\_\_